Local Government  
  
1. Anyone who lives in a metropolitan area is likely to be governed by   
a. municipal and county governments.   
b. school districts.   
c. hospital districts.   
d. all of the above.   
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are creatures of the state and have only as much power as the Texas Constitution and Texas legislature grant them.   
a. Counties   
b. Special districts   
c. School districts   
d. All of the above   
  
3. The relationship between states and local governments follows from the fact that states have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ system of government.   
a. confederacy   
b. unitary   
c. federal   
d. federation   
  
4. Texas cities are classified as either   
a. incorporated or unincorporated.   
b. partisan or nonpartisan.   
c. general-law or home-rule.   
d. homogenous or heterogeneous.   
  
5. Which of the following allows registered voters to force a sometimes reluctant city council to place a proposed ordinance on the ballot?   
a. Initiative   
b. Earmarking   
c. Mandate   
d. None of the above   
  
6. To become a home-rule city in Texas, a city must have a population of at least \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ residents.   
a. 15,000   
b. 25,000   
c. 5,000   
d. 50,000   
  
7. Which of the following is a limit placed on home-rule cities in Texas?   
a. State law determines the specific dates for municipal elections.   
b. Local government is subject to sunshine laws.   
c. All local election law changes must meet federal preclearance requirements.   
d. All of the above.   
  
8. Council-manager government was initiated as part of a reform movement during the   
a. New Deal era.   
b. Progressive Era.   
c. Governor Edmund Davis Era.   
d. Reconstruction Era.   
  
9. In the strong-mayor system, who is responsible for administration of city policy?   
a. The council   
b. The mayor   
c. The manager   
d. The city judge   
  
10. In Texas, political parties do not   
a. nominate candidates below the county level.   
b. mention party affiliation on the ballot.   
c. increase voter turnout in the municipal and special district elections.   
d. all of the above. 